

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

Ref.No.21413/2019/FCA-3(ii)  
Dated:27.10.2020.

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force),  
Telangana, "Aranya Bhavan",  
Saifabad, Hyderabad - 500 004.

**Smt. R.Sobha, I.F.S.,**  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
& Head of Forest Force (FAC)

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**Sub:** TS - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Diversion of forest land to an extent of **0.3535 ha in various RFs of Banswada forest division** under Kamareddy District - for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within the existing Right of Way in favour of M/s. Vindhya Telelinks Limited - **In-principle (Stage-I) approval** - Compensatory levies deposited - Condition-wise compliance - Submitted - **Working Permission - Issued** - Regarding.

**Ref:-**

1. M/s.Vindhya Telelinks Limited, Secunderabad Lr.No.VTL/IP1/P3/TS/ROW/2019-20/033 dated 06.02.2020.
2. PCCF's Rc.No.21413/2019/FCA-1 dated 24.02.2020.
3. CCF, Nizamabad, Rc.No.191/2020/D1, Dt.16.06.2020.
4. PCCF's Rc.No.21413/2019/FCA-1 dated 21.07.2020
5. GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, Lr. F.NO. 5-2/2017-FC,dt. 28.03.2019 and amendments issued therein.
6. Govt. G.O. Rt. No. 96, EFS&T (FOR.I) Dept, Lr. dt. 20.08.2020.
7. PCCF's Rc.No.21413/2019/FCA-1, Dt.25.08.2020.
8. M/s.Vindhya Telelinks Limited, Secunderabad, Lr.No.VTL/P1/P3/TS/ROW/2019-20/091, Dt.22.09.2020.
9. CCF, Nizamabad, Rc.No.191/2020/D1, Dt.06.10.2020.
- 10.PCCF's Rc.No.21413/2019/FCA-3(i), Dt.27.10.2020.

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The Government vide reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited has accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval, for diversion of forest land to an extent of **0.3535 ha in various RFs of Banswada forest division** under Kamareddy District - for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within the existing Right of Way in favour of M/s. Vindhya Telelinks Limited. The above orders have been communicated vide reference 7<sup>th</sup> cited to all the concerned officers with the instructions to submit condition-wise compliance report on the conditions stipulated therein.

In the reference 8<sup>th</sup> cited, the User Agency has reported that all the compliance conditions have been submitted to the Forest Divisional Officer, Banswada and also informed that an amount of **Rs.5,13,600/-** towards diversion of forest land to an extent of **0.3535 ha in Banswada forest division** under Kamareddy District, for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable has been paid, as per the demand raised. Further, the User Agency has informed that in the current pandemic condition as all the Government officers, Hospitals, Police Department, Private Companies, and especially online classes for school and college students in the remote villages are in huge dependency on Data Network, in this regard the User Agency has requested this office to kindly accord working permission in favour of M/s.Vindhya Telelinks Limited for commencing of the works in the area proposed for diversion for the above mentioned project in order to provide hindrance free network and communication to the public.

In the reference 9<sup>th</sup> cited, the Chief Conservator of Forests/CF, Nizamabad has obtained condition-wise compliance report from the User Agency and the respective Forest Divisional Officer, Banswada/District Forest Officer, Kamareddy District and submitted together with its enclosures. Accordingly, the compliance report was forwarded to the Government for issue of final (Stage-II) approval vide reference 10<sup>th</sup> cited.



With regard to working permission, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi vide **Lr.No.11-306/2014-FC (pt), dated 28.08.2015** has issued guidelines about the procedure for grant of permission for felling of trees standing on forest land to be diverted for execution of **linear projects**. The said guideline has been issued to facilitate speedy execution of projects involving linear diversion of forest land such as laying of new roads, widening of existing highways, transmission lines, water supply lines, optic fiber cabling, railway lines etc., in which the in-principle approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is accorded.

Further, it is informed that the Hand book issued by **the GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi on 28.03.2019 on F(C)Act, 1980, F(C)Rules, 2003, Guidelines & Clarifications, in which the GoI in para 11.2 has issued guidelines** about the procedure for grant of permission for tree cutting and commencement of work of a linear project in forest land for a period of one year. The said guideline has been issued to facilitate speedy execution of projects involving linear diversion of forest land such as laying of new roads, widening of existing highways, transmission lines, water supply lines, optic fiber cabling, railway lines etc., in which the in-principle approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is accorded. Such orders shall be passed only after full realization of funds for compensatory afforestation, Net Present Value (NPV), wildlife conservation plan, plantation of dwarf species of medicinal plants, and all such other compensatory levies, specified in the Stage I (in-principle) approval from the UA, and where ever applicable, transfer and mutation of non-forest/ revenue forest land in favour of State Forest Department.

In concurrence to the above orders, the State Government of Telangana vide Memo No.3983/For.I(1)/2016-2 dated 15.10.2016 has authorized the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) to issue working permission to the User Agency, for tree cutting and **commencement of work of linear projects**, for a period of one year, subject to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and their compliance, in accordance with the guidelines issued by GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi in F.No.11-306/2014-FC(pt.) dt.28.08.2015.

In addition to above, the User Agency has deposited an amount of **Rs.5,13,600/-** on Dt.18.09.2020 through NEFT into the CA-PD Account of FDO, Banswada towards cost of construction of boundary pillars as per the conditions imposed in Stage-I approval and as per the demand raised by the Forest Divisional Officer, Bhupalpally, which has been confirmed by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Nizamabad in the reference 9<sup>th</sup> cited.

In view of the above, the request of the User Agency (**M/s. Vindhya Telelinks Limited**) has been examined in exercise of the powers delegated to the undersigned and with reference to the guidelines in the Hand book issued by the GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi on 28.03.2019 on F(C)Act, 1980, F(C)Rules, 2003, Guidelines & Clarifications in F.No. 5-2/2017-FC, as per the para 11.2 guidelines (issued in supersession of guidelines& clarifications issued till that time), "working permission is hereby accorded in favour of M/s. Vindhya Telelinks Limited, for commencement of work in the forest land proposed to be diverted from the date of entering into agreement with the Forest Divisional Officer, Banswada for a period of one year," subject to the following conditions:

1. M/s. Vindhya Telelinks Limited **i.e., User Agency** shall report to the Forest Divisional Officer, Banswada having jurisdiction over proposed forest area; and obtain further permission from him before starting the work. The works should be carried out under the supervision of the concerned Forest Divisional Officer/District Forest Officer.



2. The Authorized Signatory of User Agency shall enter into an agreement with the Forest Divisional Officer, Bhupalpally agreeing to perform all conditions as stipulated in Stage-I approval orders and also MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi guidelines issued in F.No.11-306/2014-FC(pt.) dt.28.08.2015 & obtain further permission for commencement of the works.
3. The User Agency shall publish the working permission now granted in verbatim language along with the conditions and safe-guards imposed by the Central Government in Stage-I approval in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and the other in English language, so as to make people aware of the permission granted to the project proponent for use of forest land for non-forest purposes. (C.No.vii of F.No.11-306/2014-FC(pt) dt: 28.08.2015).
4. The copies of the Forest Clearance and the working permission should also be submitted to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies by the Second Party in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn has to display the same in 30 days. (C.No.vii of F.No.11-306/2014-FC(pt) dt:28.08.2015).
5. The Forest Department shall dispose all the appeals filed against the order of Deemed Permission issued by the PCCF(HoFF). (C.No.v & vi of F.No.11-306/2014- FC (pt) dt: 28.08.2015).
6. The User Agency shall agree, bind and undertake to comply to any other conditions that may be imposed from time to time by the MoEF & CC, GoI/State Government and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) in the interest of Conservation, Protection & Development of forests.
7. The cable line shall be laid at least one meter below the ground level and the forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same.
8. No tree felling shall be carried out by the User Agency. No damage shall be caused to forest/wild life and to the environment.
9. The User Agency shall ensure that the length of the trench dug at a time does not exceed 500m. The trench should be filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500m. The User Agency shall make good any loss to forest/ environment.
10. Any other conditions imposed by the concerned Conservator of Forests, District Forest Officer/Forest Divisional Officer during execution of work in the interest of protection of Forests shall be carried out at the project cost.
11. The works should be carried out without any scope for violations under various rules and guidelines envisaged under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and other relevant guidelines and Rules in force.
12. The working permission issued is valid upto a period of one year from the date of entering into an agreement with the Forest Divisional Officer, Banswada. In case, if the User Agency fails to complete the work within the stipulated time, for further extension of working permission, they have to approach the undersigned.

The Forest Divisional Officers, Banswada / District Forest Officer, Kamareddy are requested to enter into agreement with User Agency for working permission and are permitted to take up Construction of boundary pillars from the amount deposited in the



CA PD account of DFO/FDO soon after entering into agreement for working permission. The works shall be included in APO 20-21 for CA PD account and should be reported in MPR of CA-PD account.

Encl:As above.

Yours faithfully  
**Sd/-R.Sobha,**  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force) (FAC)

To

The Forest Divisional Officer, Banswada.

M/s. Vindhya Telelinks Limited, EPC Division, Plot No.56, Ishaq Colony, Opp: Syndicate Bank, Picket Branch, Wellington Road, Near AOC Center, Marredpally, Secunderabad-500 015.

Copy submitted to the Spl. Chief Secretary to Government, Forest Department, Telangana, Hyderabad for favour of information.

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests/CF, Nizamabad for necessary action.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Kamareddy District for information and necessary action.

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